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DIST: 9 MARCH 1968

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 9 MARCH 1968

SUBJECT: LARGE-SCALE ENEMY MOVE IN DIRECTION OF PHOU PHA THI, SITE 85.

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (9 MARCH 1968) FIELD NO.

SOURCE:

1. SOME TIME AROUND 1300 HOURS ON 9 MARCH 1968 AN ESTIMATED 1,000 ENEMY SOLDIERS WERE MOVING TOWARD PHOU PHA THI (UH 6563-6860) FROM THE SOUTH AND FROM THE WEST. (FIELD COMMENT: APPARENTLY THE ENEMY IS MOVING INTO ATTACK POSITIONS ABOUT SIX KILOMETERS (KM) SOUTHWEST OF PHOU PHA THI.)

2. AT 1300 HOURS ABOUT 300 ENEMY TROOPS WERE BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN KM SOUTHWEST OF PHOU PHA THI. (FIELD COMMENT: THIS GROUP MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF THE 1,000 ABOVE.)

THE WEATHER WAS POOR NEAR PHOU PHA THI, BUT AIR STRIKES WERE SCHEDULED EVERY HOUR FROM 1400 HOURS UNTIL SUNDOWN.

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC

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